



Electricity Oversight Board

Daily Report for Tuesday, December 16, 2003

The average zonal price decreased by 20 percent for SP15 and NP15 to \$37.73/MWh and \$37.80/MWh, down from just over \$45.00/MWh on Monday. Congestion at Path 15 in the south-to-north direction between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. resulted in the split zonal price. Although prices decreased from yesterday, they remained elevated and could have resulted from:

- High natural gas prices. The average natural gas price while mostly unchanged at \$6.18/MMBtu remained elevated.
- Lower temperatures. Temperatures throughout the state decreased by 2 to 10 degrees and ranged from the low-50s to the low-60s.
- Greater demand. The average actual demand increased by 213 MW for Tuesday.
- Increased generation outage levels that ranged between 7,900 MW and 9,000 MW.

In an effort to mitigate intra-zonal congestion, the CAISO requested decremental energy bids for the following banks:

- Miguel Imports between 7 a.m. and midnight.
- Lugo Bus between 7 a.m. and midnight.

The CAISO did not issue any transmission capacity rating changes for the day.

Figure 1 - SP15 & NP15 7-Day Rolling Average Prices

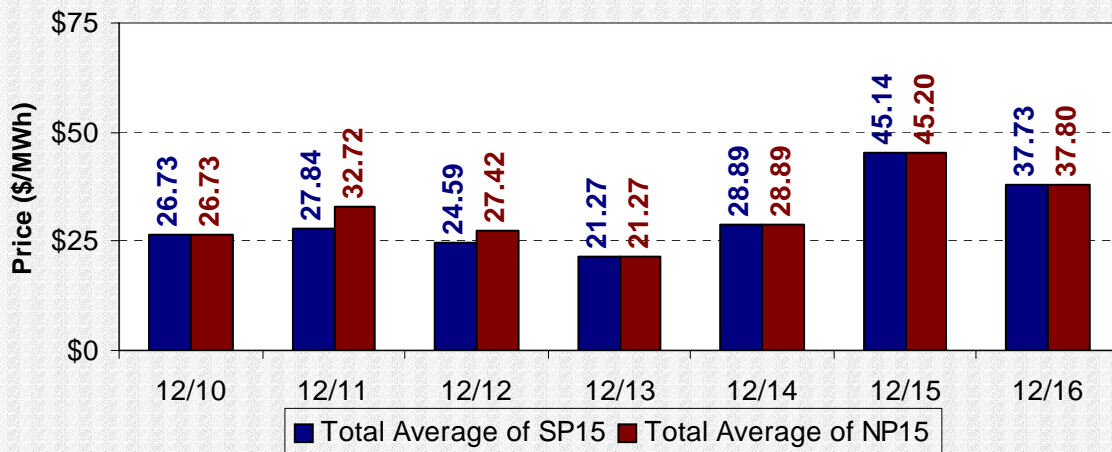
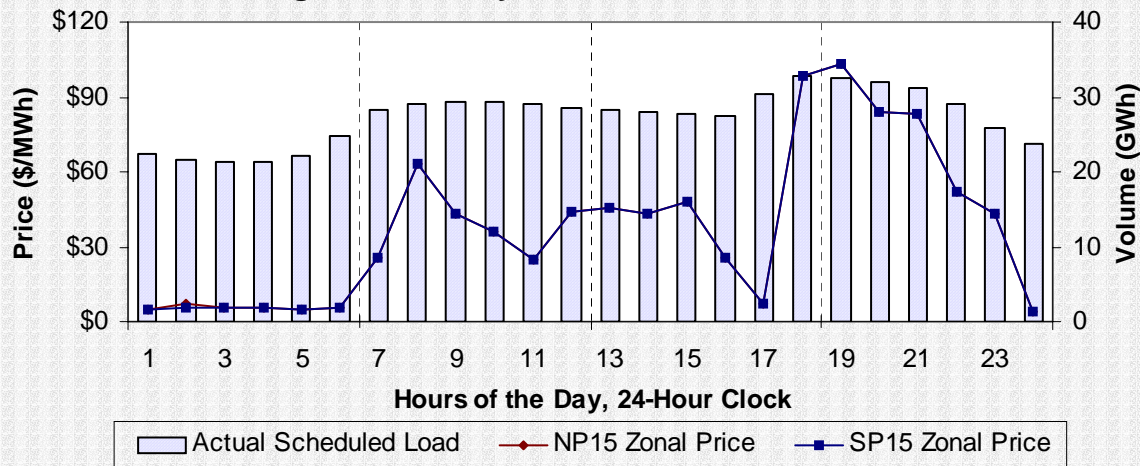


Figure 2 - Hourly Zonal Price and Volume





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Figure 3 - On-Peak Average Price by Market Area

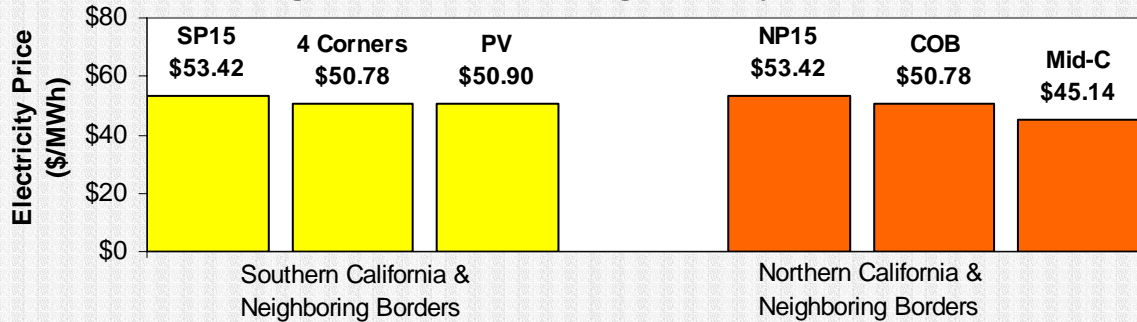


Figure 4a - Seven Day Snapshot of NP15

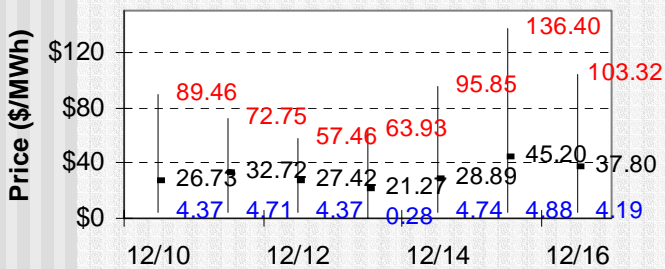


Figure 4b - Seven Day Snapshot of SP15

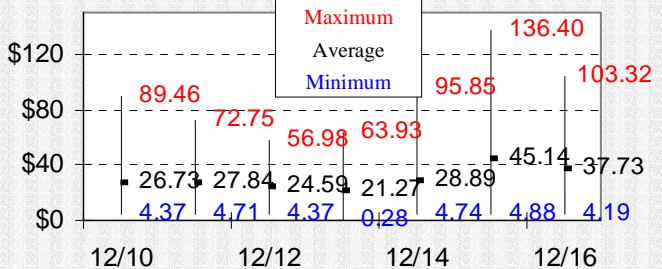


Figure 5 - Temperatures Across California

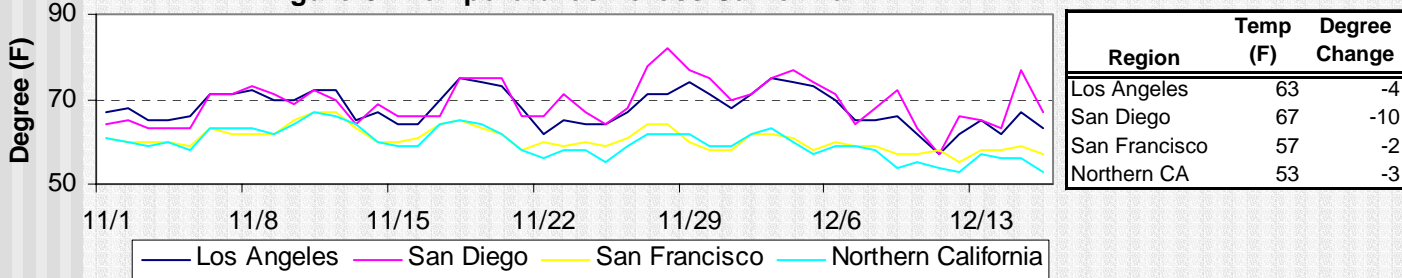


Figure 6 - Average Natural Gas Price

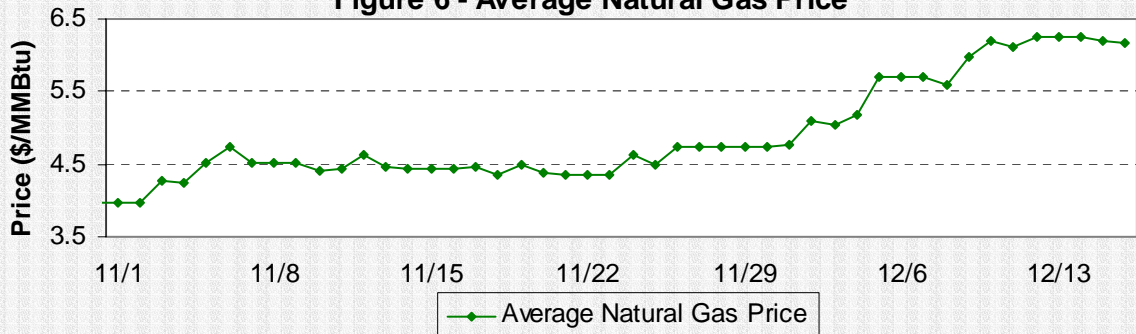


Figure 7 - Average Daily Zonal Price & Total Actual Load

